

Graham Rotary News

Graham Rotary Club • Club No. 6107 • District 7690

A Certified 100% Sustaining Paul Harris Fellowship & Gold Club

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Meeting at the Graham Civic Center

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<http://grahamrotaryclub.org/vid.html>

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<http://grahamrotaryclub.org/pix/>

Upcoming Programs & Events

- 9/3 Paul Burns
Daniel Freeman, Alamance Christian School director
- 11/7, 8am 5K Run
- 11/13-14 BBQ
- 11/12, 6pm Rotary Foundation Banquet
High Point Country Club
- 4/23-25 District Conference
Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, Asheville

Birthdays

Sam Jenkins 9/14
Bonnie Johnson 9/20
Dexter Barbee, Jr. 9/29

Anniversaries

Jody & Lizzette Wallace 9/3
Sam & Tina Jenkins 9/5
Dave & Sandy Laughlin 9/18
Chuck & Stacey Carroll 9/21
Mark & Susan Ryman 9/24

Steven McRae in the Rotarian Spotlight

Steven McRae is an attorney who joined the Graham Rotary Club on

What do you enjoy doing more than anything else? Apart from spending



June 25th of this year. In response to a questionnaire sent out to our newest members, Reed supplied us answers to the following queries.

What accomplishment are you most proud of in your life? Being able to sustain a solo law practice has been extraordinarily challenging, and I am proud of having proven to myself that I can do it.

What do you want to accomplish next? Two goals that are kind of at loggerheads—continue to grow my law practice and find time to relax a little bit.

time with my wife and children, I really enjoy playing basketball on Wednesday nights.

What's the biggest difference you've ever made in someone's life? That's difficult to quantify. I represent many individuals and like to think I have had a positive impact on their lives. My wife and I have each had an enormous impact on one another's lives through our marriage. As a father, I obviously have a bit of impact on my children.

Why did you want to become a Rotarian? I was very impressed by the
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2009-2010 Rotary Leadership

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Rotarian Spotlight continued...

fellowship that I saw in the Graham Rotary Club during my visits, and even more impressed by the goals of Rotary International. On one of my visits, the speaker had recently returned from a visit to India. Rotary was also to sponsor a group from India to come to the United States. Promoting mutual understanding is such an important goal, and I was pleased to see that Rotary is involved in such an effective way. Also, Mr. Phil Moseley is an extraordinary ambassador for Rotary in our local bar.

What are your expectations of Rotary? To be involved in our local community. To be supportive of peace and justice. To be supportive of each other.

Tell us about your family. I am 36 years old and a native of Cumberland County (Fayetteville). My wife, Ann, is from Cabarrus County (just north of Charlotte). We have been married for 11 years and have two children, Bruce (6 yrs old) and Flora (2 yrs old). Ann is a stay-at-home mom. We met as undergraduates at UNC-Ch, married between my 1st and 2nd years of law school at Wake Forest, and have lived in Alamance County since 2000. We live near downtown Graham on Ward Street, and love our community.

Describe your occupation. I'm an attorney in a solo practice. I do a lot of civil litigation, including a healthy caseload of family law cases. I also have a strong general practice, such as wills, speeding tickets, business litigation, and the like.

What motivates you? I like to do good work for people and enjoy the satisfac-

tion of a job well done. My obligation as a provider is also a pretty strong motivator.

What talent do you have that our club may not know about yet? I can't paint, can't sing, can't play a musical instrument, used to be a semi-decent golfer



before we had kids. I guess I'm a decent cook, so long as we're talking soul food, which I picked up from my mother who grew up in eastern North Carolina.

What would you like your club to know about you? I can be a bit reserved, difficult to know. I think I'm a good listener.

What is the most exciting or important thing/experience that has happened in Rotary so far? The presentation from the fellow who is a makeup artist in Hollywood certainly made an impression.



**November 7
8:00AM**

From grahamrotary Twitter:

- RCVanArbutusRT: Rotarians in Multan Jail on August 14th. <http://www.rotary3270.org/1077>
- rotary: Seven friends in New York run 62 miles to support Rotary camp. <http://bit.ly/RvKMK>
- Graham Rotary is following 130 Rotary types from around the world on Twitter and 152 are following us. www.twitter.com/grahamrotary/



Reach One, Keep One

In June, Rotary International adopted “Reach One, Keep One” as its slogan for the 2009-2010 annual membership campaign. Paul Netzel, a past RI director, reminds us that “membership development is each Rotarian’s responsibility.” The new slogan reminds us that, as Rotarians, we should focus both on recruitment and retention of our club’s membership. Because Rotary membership is by invitation, “reach one” reminds us to reach out and invite someone to join. “Keep one” reminds us that new members benefit most by becoming active and involved Rotarians...engaging new members is a vital part of membership retention.

Please take a moment and think about the many business professionals that you see—and maybe even interact with—in different aspects of everyday business. If you believe he/she would make an ideal candidate for Rotary membership, please invite them to a future Rotary meeting. This invitation allows them to experience first-hand what Rotary is about, the purpose of our club, and the many ways in which we serve our community and our world. (Note: If you prefer that someone else extend the Rotary invitation to your candidate, please let me know!) While Rotary is not a “leads” or “referrals” club, business may follow from your Rotary membership as you establish friendships with fellow Rotarians through participation in Rotary projects and events.

Be sure and mark your calendars for the September 10th meeting – our program will introduce the 2009-2010 Membership Drive and offer a sneak-peek into the revised New

Member Orientation program. At present, we have 38 Rotarians and three prospective new members. Wouldn’t it be great to increase our roster to 50? By reaching out to those around us, we can work together to build an even stronger Graham Rotary Club...one new member at a time!

Sandy Ellington-Graves
Membership Chairperson

Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2009

Wendy Sheldon, Detective Noni Dunnagan, and Detective Chris Denny were guests of Scott today. Denise Melton was Phil’s guest today. Jeff Conley and Paul Soderberg were Steve McRae’s guests today. Gail Blevins was Ron’s guest today. There were no visiting Rotarians.

October 3-10 is the Caring Hearts mission trip on which Bonnie and Angelica are participating. Bonnie has emailed the members with a letter asking for donations of items the mission needs or a monetary donation.

October 16th is the proposed date for an area Stop Hunger Now project.

November 7th is the 5K run fundraiser, so-sponsored by our club and Graham Recreation and Parks. Brochures and sponsor sheets will come next week.

November 14th (13th to place them on the grill) is the shoulder sale. Tickets will be coming soon for you to begin sales. Greg is in need of an apprentice to whom he may share his vast knowledge of the art of cooking the perfect pork shoulder. If you could help with this, see him for details.

We are in need of volunteers to help cover our Sgt-at-Arms duties while Clenon is away recovering. We need to make sure the badges and banners are set out and put away, tables and kitchen are tidy, lights (including the bathrooms) are turned off and the

doors locked, and trash has been carried out.

Ron was our program chair today and he introduced Derek Steed from the Wishart, Norris, Henninger & Pittman law firm, who was here to share information about the United Way and how they address the health and human service needs in Alamance County. He showed us a PowerPoint presentation of the 2007 Alamance County Community Assessment.

There was no 50/50 drawing today.

Jody Wallace

Rotary Membership Increased Last Year

In a year of economic havoc that rocked global markets and shook consumer confidence, Rotary International’s most important asset – its members – steadily grew.

As of 30 June, the end of the 2008-09 RI year, there were 1,234,527 members in 33,790 Rotary clubs. That’s an increase of 3,044 members and 520 clubs from the previous year.

More than 5,700 clubs in the 534 RI districts achieved a membership growth rate of 10 percent or better during the 2008-09 year. The 10 percent goal was set by 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee, who presided over 12 presidential membership conferences held on six continents during the year. Each conference was attended by between 300 and 1,500 Rotarians. Lee also made personal calls to each of Rotary’s district governors.

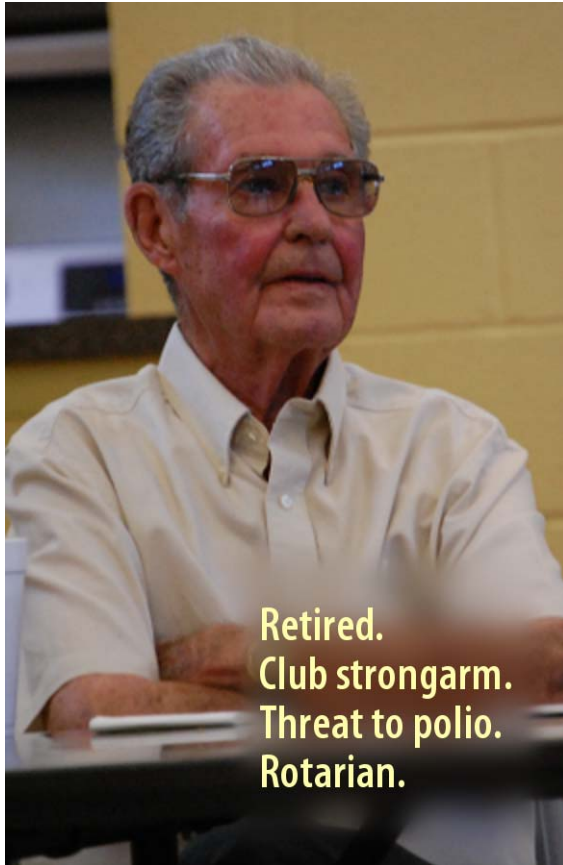
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**Student of the Month
begins in September.
Ron Blevins is our
Youth Chair this year.**



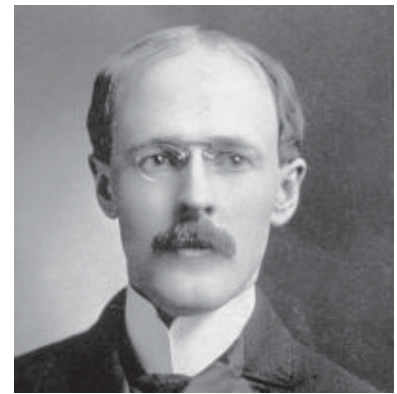
Service Above Self

Graham, North Carolina, USA



**Retired.
Club strongarm.
Threat to polio.
Rotarian.**

Clenon Russell (pictured here) has 53 years of perfect attendance at our Rotary meetings. He is our Sgt-at-Arms and Past President (1966-67). Check him out on our homepage: <http://grahamrotaryclub.org>.



6107 Paul Harris Fellows

- Clenon W. Russell 2/2/87
- Donald B. Covert 9/30/87
- Joel W. Walker 3/25/88
- Zeb Barnhardt 1/5/1989
- Phyllis F. Walker 7/24/92
- Paul E. Cobb, Jr. 10/8/93
- William T. McNeil 3/24/94
- William Andrew Inge, Jr. 11/11/96
- Dexter Barbee, Jr. 1/23/97
- Donald E. Kehler 3/30/97
- Gregory D. Scott 7/17/98
- Troy Woodard 7/17/98
- Pradeep K. Patnaik 10/10/01
- Bret Cobb 2/15/02
- W. Phillip Moseley 3/1/02
- Jody P. Wallace 3/27/03
- Michael C. Shoffner 3/27/03
- Jeff Eldridge 10/21/03
- Dave Laughlin 1/8/04
- George Bason, Jr. 2/26/04
- Chuck Carroll 11/15/04
- Sergio Guzman 4/13/06
- Bonciel Johnson 4/13/06
- Irene Barbee 4/5/2007
- Jeff Prichard 4/5/2007
- Mark Ryman 4/5/2007
- Reed LaPlante 5/1/2007
- Russell Guy 8/23/2007
- Chris Rollins 8/23/2007
- Ty Reed 10/4/2007
- Angelica Santiago 12/6/2007
- Randy Day 4/16/2009
- Sam Jenkins 4/30/2009
- Steve McGilvray 4/30/2009

Graham Rotary Meeting Attendance

	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009
Percentage	74%	68%	70%	67%	69%	60%	73%					
Avg Number	24	24	25	24	24	21	28					

For makeup locations, visit the Rotary meetings below or watch our meetings online and notify the Secretary that you did.

Alamance Breakfast Rotary Club

Monday, 6:45am, O’Hara’s Restaurant, Ramada Inn, Burlington, NC

Rotary Club of Alamance

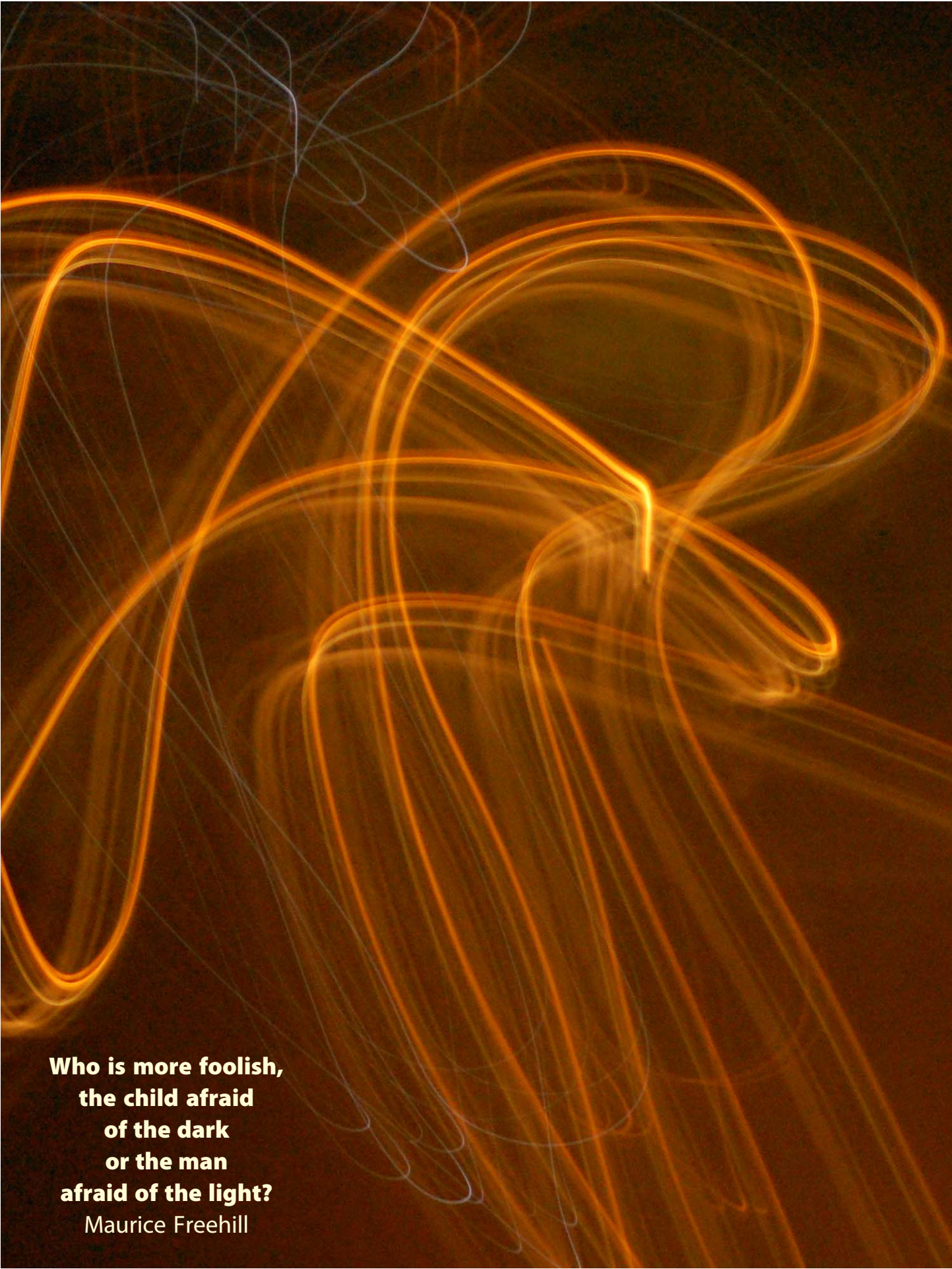
Tuesday, 12:15pm, O’Hara’s, Ramada Inn, Burlington, NC

Yanceyville Rotary Club

Tuesday, 12:30pm, Caswell Pines Golf Course, 2380 County Home Rd, Blanch, NC

Burlington Rotary Club

Monday 5:45pm, Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington, NC



**Who is more foolish,
the child afraid
of the dark
or the man
afraid of the light?**

Maurice Freehill